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Order of Battle of Units in Germany

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29. GSFG

[REDACTED] HQ GSFG is located in WUMSDORF (UT 98) and the following armies are subordinate to it:-

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(a) 1 Gds Mech Army

(b) 2 Gds Mech Army

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- (c) 3 Gds Mech Army [REDACTED]
- (d) 3 Shock Army (HQ in MAGDEBURG PC 98)
- (e) 8 Gds Army (HQ in NOHRA PB 64)

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30. 8 GDS ARMY

- (a) HQ NOHRA (PB 64)
- (b) AA DIV WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (c) Sigs Bn of 8 Gds Army WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (d) MT Bn of 8 Gds Army WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (e) Hospital of 8 Gds Army WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (f) Hospital of 8 Gds Army ERFURT (PB 44)
- (g) "GOSEBANK" of 8 Gds Army WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (h) Post Office of 8 Gds Army WEIMAR (PB 64)
- (i) Food Depot of 8 Gds Army ERFURT (PB 44) [REDACTED]
- (j) MT Depot of 8 Gds Army MARKERSDORF (US 44)
- (k) XXVIII Gds Rifle Corps -
- (l) XXIX Gds Rifle Corps -

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31. XXVIII GDS RIFLE CORPS

[REDACTED] XXVIII Gds Rifle Corps exists  
and is subordinate to 8 Gds Army, [REDACTED] the  
locations of the following divisions subordinate to it:-

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- (a) 20 Gds Mech Div - HQ in JENA (PB 84)
- (b) 39 Gds Rifle Div - HQ either in PLAUE (TR 09)  
or OHRDRUF (PB 23)

32. XXIX GDS RIFLE CORPS

- (a) HQ NAUMBURG (PB 97)
- (b) Arty Regt. LANGENSALZA (PB 16)
- (c) 21 GDS MECH DIV HALLE (QC 00)
- (d) 57 Gds Rifle Div NAUMBURG (PB 97)

33. 57 GDS RIFLE DIV

- (a) HQ NAUMBURG (PB 97)
- (b) MT Bn either in NAUMBURG (PB 97)  
or in GOTHEN (PB 24)
- (c) Sigs Bn ?
- (d) Arty Bn ?
- (e) [REDACTED] ?
- (f) [REDACTED] ?
- (g) [REDACTED] ?

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(f)	MT School	WEISSENFELS (QB 07)
(g)	Chemical Coy	WEISSENFELS (QB 07)
(h)	Bakery	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(i)	Ration Depot	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(j)	Clothing Depot	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(k)	Arty Depot	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(l)	Engr Depot	?
(m)	Chemical Depot	?
(n)	Med Bn	?
(o)	Arty Regt.	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(p)	170 Gds Rifle Regt.	NAUMBURG (PB 97)
(q)	172 Gds Rifle Regt.	GOTHA (PB 24)
(r)	174 Gds Rifle Regt.	WEISSENFELS (QB 07)
(s)	17 Gds Tk Regt.	WEISSENFELS (QB 07)

## ORGANISATION

### 34. General

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## ORGANISATION OF HQ 57 GDS RIFLE DIV

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- (a) Divisional Commander . . .
- (b) Chief of Staff
- (c) Head of Political Department
- (d) Deputy for Supplies and Technical Matters.
- (e) Military Deputy.

## DEVIATIONAL COMMANDER

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The change of the divisional commander's office was an adjacent wing east of the main building to the Senior Lt.

SECRETCHIEF OF STAFF

37. [REDACTED] the Chief of Staff was officially Second-in-Command of a division. [REDACTED] there was an order issued probably by the Ministry of Defence, either in 1950 or even earlier, which defined the position of Chief of Staff in any formation or unit as a most senior appointment entitling the Chief of Staff to assume command in case of the commander's absence.

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38. The Chief of Staff is responsible for operations, training and administration of personnel and carries out these duties through:-

- (a) Ops section
- (b) Records Section
- (c) PT instructor
- (d) Chief Signal Officer
- (e) Chief Engineer
- (f) Chief Arty Officer
- (g) Chief Armoured Officer
- (h) Chief MT Officer
- (i) Chief Chemical Officer

Ops Section, Records Section and P.T. instructor form the Chief of Staff's office, while all chiefs shown in (d) to (i) have their own offices. Their subordination to the Chief of Staff is operational rather than administrative.

OPS SECTION

39. [REDACTED] the organisation of the Ops Section, amongst the duties of this section are:-

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- (a) Preparation of training programmes
- (b) Preparation of Div exercises.
- (c) Reconnaissance.

The head of this Section is called Deputy Chief of Staff (ZAMESTITEL NACHALNIKA SHTABA).

40. RECORDS SECTION (Otdel Kadrov)

[REDACTED] this Section dealt with all personnel records of the division. It was sub-divided into two parts:-

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- (a) Officers Records - Dealt with usually by the head of the Section (NACHALNIK OTDELA KADROV) and
- (b) ORs Records - Dealt with by his Deputy (ZAMESTITEL NACHALNIKA OTDELA KADROV)

41. P.T. INSTRUCTOR

The P.T. instructor (NACHALNIK FIZICHESKOI PODGOTOVKI) is responsible for the preparation of P.T. programmes and the organisation of P.T. and sports.

42. CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

The Chief Signal Officer called sometimes head of communications (NACHALNIK SVYAZI) and sometimes Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications.



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(ZAMESTITEL NACHALNIKA SHTABA PO SVIAZI) is responsible for the training organisation and operation of the divisional communications.

43. CHIEF ENGINEER

The Chief Engineer (NACHALNIK INZHINYERNOY SLUZHBY) is responsible for the training and organisation of all engineer units in the division.

44. CHIEF ARTY OFFICER

The Chief Arty Officer (NACHALNIK ARTILERII) is responsible for the training and organisation of all Arty units of the division.

45. CHIEF ARMoured OFFICER

The Chief Armoured Officer (NACHALNIK BRONI-TANKOVYKH) is responsible for the training and organisation of all armoured units in the division.

46. CHIEF MT OFFICER

The Chief MT Officer (NACHALNIK AUTO-TRAKTORNYI SLUZHBY) is responsible for the training and organisation of all Transport in the division.

47. CHIEF CHEMICAL OFFICER

The Chief Chemical Officer (NACHALNIK KHIMICHESKOI SLUZHBY) is responsible for the training of personnel in ABC defence.

HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

48. The Head of the Political Department (NACHALNIK POLIT-OTDELA) is also Political Deputy of Division Commander (ZAMESTITEL PO POLIT-CHASTI) and is responsible for the political training and the organisation of the Communist Party and the Komsomol in the division.

49. The Political Department consists of:-

- (a) Deputy (ZAMESTITEL NACHALNIKA POLIT-OTDELA).
- (b) Instructor for propaganda (PROPAGANDIST)
- (c) Instructor for Party Records (INSTRUCTOR PART-UCHOTA)
- (d) Deputy for KOMSOMOL (ZAMESTITEL PO KOMSOMOLU)

50. The Political Department supervises the Garrisons Officer's Clubs (DOM OFITSEROV) of the division in respect of political and cultural work.

51. Until 1954 the Political Department was responsible for the issue of divisional newspaper "POBLEDA" but in 1954 the issue of this paper as well as 8 Gds Army paper "NA ZASHCHITU RODINY" was stopped. Now the only newspaper published in GSFG is "SOVIETSKAYA ARMIYA" published by the Political Branch of Hq GSFG.

DEPUTY FOR SUPPLIES AND TECHNICAL MATTERS

52. The Deputy for Supplies and Technical Matters (ZAMESTITEL PO MATERIALNO TEKHNIЧЕСКОМ ОБСЛУЖИВАНИЮ) is responsible for food, clothing and ammunition supplies.

The following are subordinate to him

- (a) Head of Food and Fodder Supplies
- (b) Head of Clothing Supplies
- (c) Head of Artillery Supplies

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The Head of Food and Fodder Supplies (NACHALNIK PRODOVOLSTVO-FURAZHENOI SLUZHEY) is responsible for food and fodder supply and runs:-

- (a) An office consisting of a clerk and a bookkeeper.
- (b) A Food store
- (c) A Bakery

54. HEAD OF CLOTHING SUPPLIES

The Head of Clothing Supplies (NACHALNIK VIE SCHEVOI SLUZHEY) is responsible for the issue and repair of clothing and has:-

- (a) A clerk
- (b) A Clothing store
- (c) A Shoes and clothing repair workshop.

55. HEAD OF ARTILLERY SUPPLIES

The Head of Artillery Supplies (NACHALNIK ART-SNABZHENIYA) is responsible for supplies of small arms and artillery ammunition and has:-

- (a) A clerk
- (b) The divisional ammunition depot which also holds artillery spares.

MILITARY DEPUTY

56. The Military Deputy (ZAMESTITEL PO STROYEVOI CHASTI) is responsible for the inspection of training and the division. He continually travels round the units of the division checking on the standard of training.

APPOINTMENTS AND RANKS IN HQ OF A RIFLE DIVISION

57. [REDACTED] there is no definite rank attached to an appointment in the Soviet Army. In the list below, the highest and lowest rank is shown against an appointment. This means that each of these appointments can be filled by the holders of any rank between those shown, including the ranks shown.

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<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Air Commander	Maj Gen - Col.
Adjutant	Sen Lt. - Jun Lt.
Chief of Staff	Col. - Lt. Col.
Deputy Chief of Staff and	
Head of Ops Section	Col. - Lt. Col.
Head of Records Section	Major
Deputy Head of Records Section	Capt. - Sen Lt.
Clerk in Records Section	Jun Sgt. - Pte
P.T. Instructor	Major - Sen Lt.
Chief Signal Officer	Col. - Lt. Col.
Chief Engineer	Col. - Lt. Col.
Chief Arty Officer	Col. - Lt. Col.
Chief Armoured Officer	Col. - Lt. Col.
Chief MT Officer	Col. - Lt. Col.
Head of Political Department	Col. - Lt. Col.
Deputy Head of Political Department	Lt. Col. - Major
Instructor for propaganda	Major - Capt.
Instructor for Party Records	Sen Lt. - Lt.
Deputy for KOMSOMOL	Sen Lt. - Lt.

/Deputy

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Deputy for Supplies and Technical Matters  
 Head of Food and Fodder Supplies  
 Clerk in " " " "  
 Bookkeeper " " " "  
 NCO i/o Store " " " "  
 Storeman " " " "  
 Head of Clothing Supplies  
 Clerk " " "  
 NCO i/o Store " " "  
 Storeman " " " "  
 NCO i/o Repair Wksp  
 Cobblers " " "  
 Tailors " " "  
 Head of Artillery Supplies  
 Clerk " " "  
 NCO i/o Store " " "  
 Storeman " " " "  
 Military Deputy

Col. - Lt. Col.  
 Lt. Col. - Major  
 Jnr Sgt - Pte  
 Civilian employee  
 WO II - Sgt  
 L/Opl - Pte  
 Lt. Col. - Major  
 Jnr Sgt - Pte  
 WO II - Sgt  
 L/Opl - Pte  
 Sgt - Jnr Sgt  
 Ptes  
 Ptes  
 Lt. Col. - Major  
 Jnr Sgt - Pte  
 WO II - Sgt  
 L/Opl - Pte  
 Col. - Lt. Col.

174 GDS RIFLE REGIMENT

58. The 174 Gds Rifle Regiment consists of:-

- (a) Regimental headquarters
- (b) Reconnaissance company
- (c) Signal company
- (d) MT company
- (e) Medical company
- (f) Engineer company
- (g) Chemical platoon
- (h) Supply platoon
- (i) Regimental Artillery
- (j) Three Rifle battalions

59. REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Regimental headquarters consists of:-

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| (a) CO  | Col. - Lt. Col.  |
| (b) Chief of Staff                            | Col. - Lt. Col.  |
| (c) Political deputy                          | Lt. Col.         |
| (d) Military deputy                           | Col. - Lt. Col.  |
| (e) Deputy for Supplies and Technical matters | Lt. Col. - Major |
| (f) Chief Artillery Officer                   | Col. - Lt. Col.  |
| (g) Chief MT Officer                          | Lt. Col. - Major |

60. CHIEF OF STAFF

The following are subordinate to the chief of staff (NACHALNIK SHTAB)

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- (a) Deputy Chief of Staff (Major - Capt)  
Responsible for organisation of training
  - (b) Reconnaissance officer (Major - Capt)  
Responsible for training of Reconnaissance Company.
  - (c) Chief Signal Officer (Major-Capt)  
Responsible for training and organisation of communications in Regt.
  - (d) Regimental Engineer (Major-Capt)  
Responsible for training of Sapper company. He also has a small equipment store with one storeman (Pte)
  - (e) C.W. Officer (Major-Capt)  
Responsible for C.W. training in the Regt. He also has a small store with one storeman (Pte)
  - (f) Head of Records Section (Capt - Sen Lt.)  
Runs office with two clerks (Jun Sgts - Pte)
  - (g) P.T. Officer (Capt - Lt.)  
Responsible for P.T. training programmes. He is also in charge of the Regimental map store.
  - (h) Head of Secret Documents (Sen Lt. - Lt.)  
Responsible for registry and safe custody of all classified matter. He has one clerk (Jnr Sgt - Pte)
  - (i) Bandmaster (Sen Lt. - Lt.)
61. POLITICAL DEPUTY
- The following are subordinate to the Political Deputy (ZAMESTITEL PO POLIT-CHASTI)
- (a) Propaganda Officer (Major - Capt)
  - (b) OR - Club consisting of:-
    - (i) OC Club (Capt - Sen Lt.)
    - (ii) Librarian (Civilian employee)
  - (c) Party Secretary (Capt - Lt.)
  - (d) KOMSOMOL Secretary (Sen Lt. - Lt.)
- (Note: [redacted] up to 1952 this was a separate appointment on the establishment. [redacted] possible that this has been abolished as a separate appointment and is filled by one of the officers held in some other appointment)

62. DEPUTY FOR SUPPLIES AND TECHNICAL MATTERS

The following are subordinate to the Deputy for Supplies and Technical matters (ZAMESTITEL PO MATER'YALNO-TEKHNIЧЕСКОМ ОБЕСПЕЧЕНИИ)

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- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) <u>Head of Ration Supply</u>    | Major - Capt      |
| (i) Officer i/c ration              | Sen Lt. - Lt.     |
| (ii) Bookkeeper                     | Civilian employee |
| (iii) Clerk                         | Jun Sgt - Pte     |
| (iv) NOO i/c Store (sverkhsrochnik) | Sgt               |
| (v) Storeman                        | Pte               |
| (b) <u>Head of Clothing Supply</u>  | Major - Capt      |
| (i) Clerk                           | Jun Sgt - Pte     |
| (ii) NOO i/c Store (sverkhsrochnik) | Sgt               |
| (iii) Storeman                      | Pte               |
| (c) <u>Finance Officer</u>          | Major - Sen Lt.   |
| (i) Treasurer (kaznachei)           | Sgt - L/Cpl       |

63. CHIEF MT OFFICER

The following are subordinates to the Chief MT Officer (NACHALNIK AUTO-TRAKTORNIY SLUZHBY)

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| (a) <u>Deputy for exploitation</u>                | Capt - Sen Lt. |
| Responsible for most economical use of transport. |                |
| (b) <u>Head of FOL Supply</u>                     | Sen Lt. - Lt.  |
| (i) NOO i/c FOL store (sverkhsrochnik)            | Sgt - L/Cpl    |
| (ii) Storeman                                     | Pte            |

64. CHIEF ARTILLERY OFFICER

The following are subordinate to the Chief Artillery officer (NACHALNIK ARTILLERII):-

- |                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) <u>Head Artillery Supplies</u>   | Major - Capt  |
| (i) Clerk                            | Jun Sgt - Pte |
| (ii) NOO i/c store (sverkhsrochnik)  | Sgt - L/Cpl   |
| (iii) Storeman                       | Pte           |
| (b) <u>Artillery Repair Workshop</u> |               |
| (i) Head                             | Sen Lt. - Lt. |
| (ii) Approx three small arms fitters | Sgts - Ptes   |
| (iii) Approx three artillery fitters | Sgts - Ptes.  |

65. [redacted] the organisation, strength or equipment of the following:-

- (a) Reconnaissance company

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- (b) Signal company
- (c) MT company
- (d) Medical company
- (e) Engineer company
- (f) Chemical platoon
- (g) Supply platoon

REGIMENTAL ARTILLERY

66. [redacted] the organisation and strength of  
174 Gds Rifle Regiment in March 1955  
had;

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- (a) One Anti-Tank Troop. Equipped with six 85 mm guns [redacted]
- (b) One SU - gun Troop. Equipped with six SU - guns [redacted]  
[redacted] SU-gun Troop may be strengthened by six T34/85 tanks and then it would be called Tk SU Company, [redacted]

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- (c) One Anti-Aircraft Company consisting of:-

- (i) AA - Gun platoon

(Note: In March 1955, in barracks of 174 Gds Rifle Regt,  
[redacted] troops being trained on three 37mm AA - Guns)

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- (ii) AAMG Platoon

- (d) One Mortar Company. Equipped with six 120 mm Mortars.

THREE RIFLE BATTALIONS

67. [redacted] three rifle battalions are shown on the establishment of a Rifle Regt. but since the Autumn of 1954 one battalion (No. 3) is a cadre battalion holding on its strength only officers but no Other Ranks.

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THE RIFLE BATTALION

68. The Rifle Battalion consists of:-

- (a) Battalion headquarters
- (b) Signal platoon
- (c) Three rifle companies
- (d) Medium machine-gun company
- (e) Artillery company
- (f) Mortar company
- (g) Supply platoon
- (h) Medical Section

69. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

This consists of:-

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- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) OC                       | Lt. Col. - Major  |
| (b) Deputy                   | Major             |
| (c) Chief of Staff           | Major             |
| (d) Assistant Chief of Staff | Sen Lt. - Lt.     |
| (e) MT Officer               | Sen Lt. - Jun Lt. |
| (f) Clerk                    | Jun Sgt - Pte     |

70. SIGNAL PLATOON

This consists of:-

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| (a) Platoon Commander who is also Bn Signal Officer | Sen Lt. - Lt. |
| (b) Line Section                                    |               |
| (c) Wireless Section                                |               |

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71. THREE RIFLE COMPANIES

Each consists of:-

(a) Company headquarters composed of:-

- |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| (i) OC                     | Major - Capt    |
| (ii) Political Deputy      | Sen Lt. - Lt.   |
| (iii) CSM (sverkharochnik) | WO II - Sen Sgt |
| (iv) Clerk (Kaptinarmus)   | Jun Sgt - Pte   |
| (v) Medical instructor     | Sen Sgt - Sgt   |
| (vi) Two orderlies         | Ptes            |

(b) Three rifle platoons each consisting of:-

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| (i) Platoon commander.           | Sen Lt. - Jun Lt. |
| (ii) Platoon Commander Assistant | Sen Sgt - Sgt     |
| (iii) Three sections each of:-   |                   |

Section commander	Sgt - Jun Sgt
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Scout	Pte
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Light machine gunner	L/Cpl - Pte
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Light machine gunner	Pte
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Light machine gunner	Pte
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## (ii) Three machine-gun Sections each of

Section commander	Sgt - Jun Sgt
Layer	L/Cpl
Assistant layer	Pte
Two ammunition numbers one MG cal. 7.62 type DEKHTEROV	Ptes

(Note: A recent change [redacted] is that the Platoon Commander is no longer an officer but a "sverkhsrochnik" and that there is no Platoon Commander Assistant but that the Commander of No. 1 Section acts as one when necessary.)

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72. MEDIUM MACHINE-GUN COMPANY

This consists of:-

(a) Company headquarters composed of:-

(i) OC	Major - Capt
(ii) Political Deputy	Sen Lt. - Lt.
(iii) GSM (Sverkhsrochnik)	WO II - Sen Sgt
(iv) Clerk (Kaptinarnus)	Jun Sgt - Pte

(b) Three platoons each consisting of:-

(i) Platoon commander	Sen Lt. - Lt.
(ii) Two sections each of:-	
Section Commander	Sgt - Jun Sgt
Layer	L/Cpl
Assistant layer	Pte
Two ammunition numbers	Ptes

(c) Equipment

The machine-gun company has six medium machine-guns 7.62mm GORYUNOV.

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73. ARTILLERY COMPANY

This consists of

(a) Company Headquarters composed of:-

(i) OC	Major - Capt
(ii) Political Deputy	Sen Lt. - Lt.
(iii) GSM (Sverkhsrochnik)	WO II - Sen Sgt
(iv) Clerk	Jun Sgt - Pte

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SECRET(b) Two gun platoons each of:-

- (i) Platoon commander Sen Lt. - Lt.
- (ii) Two gun sections each one 85mm gun  
(further details not known)

(c) One anti-aircraft machine-gun platoon composed of:-

- (i) Platoon commander Sen Lt. - Lt.
- (ii) Two Sections each one 12.7 mm DShK machine - gun  
(further details not known)

74. MORTAR COMPANY

This consists of:-

(a) Company headquarters composed of:-

- (i) OC Major - Capt
- (ii) Political Deputy Sen Lt. - Lt.
- (iii) CSM (Sverkhstrochnik) WO II - Sen Sgt
- (iv) Clerk Jun Sgt - Pte

(b) Three platoons each of:-

- (i) Platoon commander Sen Lt. - Lt.
- (ii) Three sections each one 82mm mortar  
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75. SUPPLY PLATOON

This consists of:-

- (a) Platoon Commander WO II - Sen Sgt
- (b) Food Section composed of
  - (i) Senior cook (Sverkhstrochnik) Sgt - Pte
  - (ii) Two cooks ptes
- (c) Ammunition section
- (d) Three drivers
- (e) Three lorrys
- (f) Three field kitchen

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Call up of Conscripts

78. Until the end of 1954 conscripts could be and were called up in the U.S.S.R. at any time by the military authorities [redacted] a new order has been issued that in future the call up would take place at a specific time.

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According to this order demobilisation would be carried out during the last three months each year. Based on this order and the period necessary to complete "Young soldiers courses" (KURS MOLODOGO BOITSA), [redacted] the call up in 1955 would take place during the months of May or June.

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Length of Conscript Service

79. According to regulations a conscript in the Soviet Army should serve three years.

In fact he serves longer, the period of his service counting from 1 January of the year following his call-up.

Demobilisation of Conscripts

80. Demobilisation of conscripts in the past started in October and in some cases went on well into January of the following year. The new order definitely states that demobilisation must be completed by the end of December each year. First to be demobilised are conscripts whose homes are far from their units or where transport facilities to their homes are poor or affected by seasonal weather conditions. However, no one can be demobilised before the arrival of replacements.

Extended Serviceman (SVERKHSROCHNIK)

81. Extended servicemen are recruited from conscript other ranks shortly before conscripts are sent to the U.S.S.R. for demobilisation they are usually called to attend a meeting in which the political deputy or even the regimental commander delivered a speech intended to show the advantages of extended service and ending in an appeal for further service for the fatherland. This, as a rule, never produces more than meagre results. The reason for this lack of response was [redacted] the lack of private life in the army.

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82. As a rule a conscript could re-enlist for two years, but [redacted] this period has been extended recently to three years. The extended Serviceman can be demobilised at any time without compensation. At the end of each engagement, the extended Serviceman can apply for an extension on similar terms.

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83. In 1954 all administrative appointments occupied by extended servicemen were downgraded, but many extended servicemen wrote letters with complaints to their commanding officers with the result that their ranks were not downgraded

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Demobilisation

[redacted] regimental commanders and the equivalent had [redacted] the demobilisation of a conscript for a period of up to three months [redacted] of his laziness and inefficiency. [redacted]

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that the divisional commander could defer the demobilisation of a conscript for six months. [redacted] in this

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#### Replacement of Officers in GSFG in 1955.

85. In March 1955 a group of military inspectors arrived in WEISSENFELS to inspect the standard of training of 17 Gds Tk & SF Regt. [redacted]

[redacted] only 25% of Officers due to return to the USSR in 1955 will be replaced. Apparently, a great number of officers now serving with GSFG will complete their tour of duty in GSFG this year and should be posted to the USSR, but to prevent a major exodus, 75% of them will be compelled to serve longer. October 1955 was mentioned as the month in which the replacement will take place.

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#### Length of Service for Officers in GSFG

86. At the end of 1954 or the beginning of 1955 the Soviet Ministry of Defence issued an order stating that the length of service in GSFG for officers would be:-

- (a) Married officers five years
- (b) Single officers three years

As married officers are entitled to have their families in GSFG the five years period applies also to those whose families do not wish to join them.

#### Soviet Service-women and Women Civilian Employees

87. A number of Soviet service-women are employed in GSFG as clerks, typists, cooks, waitresses and cleaners [redacted]

[redacted] They occupy positions on the establishment, as a rule, in regimental and higher headquarters. [redacted] at least twelve are usually found in a regimental headquarter and at least thirty in a divisional headquarters. Some of the women employed may be civilians.

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The rate of attrition amongst them is enormous, the most usual cause being pregnancy.

#### Soviet Civilian Male Employees

88. Soviet civilian male employees are found in GSFG in the Soviet Army Trade Organisation, as book-keepers in units and Kommandaturas, and as interpreters in Kommandaturas. [redacted]

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#### Method of Bringing Recruits from the USSR to the GSFG

89. There are three collecting points in the USSR where recruits sent from various units in USSR for replacement of demobilised troops in GSFG are assembled. One of these points is in the SOUTH probably in UZHOROD, the second in BREST and the third in the NORTH of EAST PRUSSIA.

In GSFG each Army prepares a collecting point for its own recruits and usually this point serves also as the collecting point for troops to be demobilised. 8 Gds Army had such collecting point in WEIMAR.

Troop trains from the GSFG perform a shuttle service between Army collecting points and collecting points in the USSR carrying troops for demobilisation on the outward journey and bringing recruits in on the return journey.

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90. In addition to its technical personnel (German) each troop train has the following Soviet personnel:-

- (a) OC train
- (b) Political deputy
- (c) QM officer
- (d) A number of cooks
- (e) A number of ORs who act as guards.

TRAININGPrivates

91. After the call up recruits are posted to Training Battalions in the USSR where they complete a "young Soldiers Course" (KURS MOLODOGO BOITSA) lasting usually three months.

On arrival in Germany young soldiers are organised into separate training platoons or companies (this depends on the number of young soldiers in the unit). There they complete an 'Individual Soldier's Course' (KURS EDINOCHNOGO SOLDATA) and do Section training. These two courses are regarded as the most important, because they form the foundation for the efficient work of any higher unit.

Further training on platoon, company and battalion level follows the completion of Section training. Time spent on each depends on the soundness of section training.

the following time table:-

3 months	-	Young soldiers course
6 weeks	-	Individual soldiers course
6 weeks	-	Section training
2 weeks	-	Platoon training
2 weeks	-	Company training
2 weeks	-	Battalion training

This time table is an approximation only and refers mainly to infantry, but is likely to be similar in arms where specialisation is not required.

Thus, young soldiers who arrived in Germany from the USSR in Oct/Nov would be ready for regimental exercises by mid-March to mid-April of the following year.

NCOs

92. The selection of candidates for NCO is based on their educational standard, five classes of primary school being the required minimum. The majority of NCOs have completed between five and seven classes of primary school.

Training of potential NCOs is carried out, separately from other training, on NCO courses. Such courses last from eight to ten months and start as soon as recruits arrive from the USSR, in order to have sufficient numbers of young NCOs ready to take the place of those to be demobilised.

Divisional and Regimental NCO Schools are responsible for the organisation of NCO courses. there is no difference in the level of Training between the Divisional and Regimental NCO Schools.

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The Regimental NCO Schools train NCOs for the regiment while the Divisional NCO School trains NCOs for units of the division smaller than regiment. [REDACTED] the programme of Training in both schools is the same.

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At the end of each course an examination, is held and all successful students are promoted to Junior Sgt; those who fail the examination are promoted L/Cpls as it is regarded that their knowledge, in spite of failure, is greater than ordinary privates in a unit.

Specialists

93. [REDACTED] specialists were trained by units and usually by their own unit only. For instance in each Engr and Sigs Bn one Coy was called training Coy (UCHEENA ROTA). Similarly the Sigs Coy in 174 Gds Rifle Regt had a training platoon. There were, however, exceptions such as drivers who were trained centrally in a driving school run by the MT Bn of 8 Gds Army in WEIMAR and cooks who were trained on courses organised by divisions. [REDACTED]

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Officers

94. [REDACTED] officers' training was carried out in the USSR. The GSFG only Refresher Courses for Officers were run by an Officers' School located either in or near POTSDAM.

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Political

95. Political training for other ranks is divided into three parts, one part for each year of service.

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Night training

96. During 1951 and 1952 one week each month was devoted in GSFG to night training. During such week "day" was called "night" and all normal day activities were carried out at night. [REDACTED] this training was introduced as a result of battle experiences in KOREA.

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In 1953 it was abandoned and has not been reintroduced in this form.

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Practice Alarms

Alarms are practised very often and during the training period (October to March) they may be as often as once a week. Company, battalion and regimental alarms are ordered by the respective commanders, but usually troops left barracks only for regimental alarms.

Each company of a regiment as a rule started with an alarm.

It was stated that the purpose of these alarms was to practice troops for their movement to their local assembly areas, usually areas made available by the instructions permitted elsewhere to spare troops. When the alarm was given, the transport was ready, there was usually a heavy fire, and the troops were to be ready to move.

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99. Two hours are considered satisfactory for a rifle regiment to abandon its barracks and be ready in the assembly area with all stores and equipment. [redacted] during one of the alarms in 174 Gds Rifle Regt two of its six SU guns, could not be started, three broke down on the way to the assembly area and only one arrived in time. Many [redacted] also could not be started.

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100. All motor transport not used for normal administrative purposes are kept in sheds on wooden blocks, with batteries disconnected and radiators drained in winter. [redacted] tanks are full and sealed. [redacted] batteries are apparently the most common cause of failure to start during these alarms.

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Summer training in training Areas.

101. The practice of a whole division moving to Summer camps has been abandoned as a result of the 1953 June riots in Eastern Germany. In 1955 various units of a division would rotate to training areas during the summer but care will be taken to leave a strong garrison in towns.

Atomic Warfare Training

102. In either August, September or October 1954, [redacted] a film on atomic weapons in the Officers' Club in WEIMAR. This film was for Officers only and was organised by the HQ of 8 Gds Army. The security precautions were very strict and not only identity documents were checked at the entrance but also corridors and adjoining rooms were patrolled by Officers.

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The film started with a warning that the contents of the film were graded "Top Secret" and should not be discussed with unauthorised persons. The construction of an atom was then explained but [redacted] the atom consists of a [redacted] which "other parts" charged with electricity revolve.

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After this the atom bomb was shown. [redacted] as a large aerial bomb, cigar shaped with tail fins. In a cross-section of this bomb a tube was shown with two atomic charges in separate chambers at each end and a fuse. It was stated that the two atomic charges were kept separated until the fuse, which consisted of an ordinary explosive charge, forced them to contact each other, thus causing an explosion. No measurements or details of weight or materials were given.

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An open landscape with buildings, vegetation, trenches and various items of military equipment was shown and spectators were informed that this was the testing ground where three atom bombs would be exploded.

Three explosions were shown, one in the air; one on impact, and one when the bomb was buried in the ground. The results of each explosion were shown, [redacted] except the worst damage was done when the explosion took place in the air. As far as [redacted] the damage caused was as follows:-

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- (a) Within a 500 metre radius from Ground zero, buildings and vegetation disappeared and, of the various military pieces of equipment, only pieces of a gun and an overturned tank with its turret torn off could be seen. The trenches were all filled with earth.
- (b) Within a 500-1000 metres radius of ground zero, buildings and vegetation were burning, an overturned artillery piece and a tank dented in some, and melted in other, places could be seen.

[redacted] the actual explosion of the bomb, [redacted] was shown in four stages - first; a flash; second a cloud forming into a mushroom shape; then dust and earth particles forming the lower part of the cloud and together forming the stalk of the mushroom, and finally a large mushroom with a long stalk.

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103. The defence was shown in two parts, entitled individual and collective. The individual defence it was stated that the shock wave travels 1000 metres in two seconds, 2000 m in five seconds, and 3000 metres in eight seconds. On seeing a flash everybody should therefore take cover. After the explosion each soldier should carry out a decontamination drill of washing his weapons with water and dusting his clothing, taking care while dusting that the wind does not blow the dust on himself or his comrades.

Of collective defence, [redacted] only that weapons were shown stacked in piles and hosed down with water and that bathing in a river was shown as a method of decontamination.

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104. The area in which the atomic explosion took place should be sign posted by flags and notices, giving the intensity of radiation as follows:-

- (a) Red and white triangular flags to indicate a radiation of over 30 Roentgens per hour
- (b) Red triangular flag indicating a radiation of over 5 Roentgens per hour
- (c) White triangular flag indicating a radiation of less than one Roentgen per hour
- (d) Plain rectangular notice boards giving intensity of radiation in Roentgens per hour.

Only when radiation was less than one Roentgen per hour were troops allowed to enter the contaminated area.

105. The only atomic weapon shown was the aerial bomb, but it was also mentioned that the enemy may use atomic artillery and missiles filled with radioactive dust, but no further details were given.

106. At the conclusion of the film, it was stressed that the atom bomb was a purely strategic weapon, that it will not be used as a tactical weapon as it will not give the results "some people" expect.

107. After the film morale amongst the officers in NORDHAUSEN Kommandatura was very low, because they considered that "one could NOT hide oneself even under ground from the atom bomb but as the time passed they all, [redacted] forgot all about it.

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108. Two Soviet Army pamphlets deal with atomic defence. One is issued to all ranks and another graded secret is for officers only. [redacted]

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109. [redacted] no instructions on atomic warfare had so far mentioned that the USSR possessed atomic artillery. Only the atom bomb delivered by aircraft, was mentioned as the atomic weapon the USSR had. [redacted]

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Airborne Training

110. [redacted] in 1951 or 1952 either one company or one battalion of 174 Gds Rifle Regt took part in an exercise in the transportation of troops by air. [redacted]

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Exercises of 57 Gds Rifle Div

114. From 16 to 19 Mar 55, 57 Gds Rifle Div carried out an exercise the subject of which was "Defence of a rifle division on a broad front with subsequent mounting of an attack". All movement was apparently carried out at night.

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DISCIPLINE, MORALE and WELFAREFailure to obey orders

115. The most common offence committed by other ranks is disobedience. [redacted] the reason for this is that disciplinary punishment has little effect. (Detention for a few days in the unit guardroom is regarded by many as a rest. To Court Martial an other rank for failure to obey orders is very difficult. All this is well known).

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In order to obtain conviction by a court-martial for disobedience the order must be:

- (a) A lawful order
- (b) Issued in proper form
- (c) After the first refusal, repeated twice more
- (d) Refusal must be public i.e. in the presence of a number of other ranks.

116. Many regimental commanders are reluctant to make a court-martial case as during a court-martial many details come to light which may reflect badly on the regiment. For similar reasons officers seldom report cases of disobedience and deal with offenders themselves usually by personal reprimand.

Drunkenness

117. Drunkenness is very common amongst all ranks and its frequency depends on the amount of money available. [redacted] even a privates' pay suffices for three orgies a month on the basis of one bottle of alcohol per session.

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118. Theft is a very common offence, particularly in the period just before demobilisation.

AWOL

119. AWOL is not very common, probably due to the harsh punishment which it calls forth.

Fraternalisation

120. Fraternalisation for conscripts is forbidden and is discouraged among officers.

An officer found out is usually given a warning and, if he continues, he is likely to be:-

- (a) Transferred to another unit in GSFG
- (b) Returned to the USSR
- (c) Dealt with by an "Officers Court of Honour" which could recommend anything from reprimand to dismissal.

121. Pressure is also brought on the German woman involved, through the German police. German women found associating with more than one Russian Soldier are usually deported from the garrison.

Suicide

122. In either August or September 1954 Lt. IVATSIN, head of the classified documents registry and cipher officer of 113 Indep Guard Bn committed suicide,

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Discipline in general

123. The discipline in general is better in units than in Kommandaturas or depots probably because of stricter supervision. But even in units, only the conscript during his first year of service can be considered well disciplined. The second year conscript is much less disciplined. The third year conscript considers himself an "old Soldier" and takes great liberties.

Leave-Officers

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125. In 1952 or 1953 GHQ of GSFG issued an order that the following percentage of officers could be granted leave:-

In months	Jan, Feb	up to 10%
" "	Mar, April	" " 15%
" "	May, June, July, Aug.	" " 7%
" "	Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec.	" " 7%

the percentage of leave granted to officers was left to the discretion of unit commanders.

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Leave, extended servicemen (SVERKHSROCHNIK)

126. Extended Servicemen are entitled and receive leave on the same scale as officers.

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127. Conscript other ranks are not entitled to leave during their conscript service. Some, however, receive 10 days leave, excluding travelling time, in the USSR as the reward for obtaining the grade "excellent" (OTLICHII) during the Spring or Autumn inspection.

Leave - Documentation

128. Before sending personnel on leave, units are required to send a leave documents requisition (SPISOK) via Div HQ to the Administration Office (KANTSELARIA of HQ 8 Gds Army. This requisition contains:-

- (a) Rank
- (b) Name, Patronymic and Surname
- (c) Date of Birth
- (d) Address while on leave
- (e) Date of leave

In addition three photographs size 3 cm x 4 cm of each person must be attached.

129. The Administration Office of HQ 8 Gds Army prepares and issues:-

- (a) Leave pass. The leave pass has a number and consists of two parts. One is issued to personnel proceeding on leave, and the second part is sent to BREST. Leave passes have been graded secret since 1954.
- (b) Frontier pass consisting of pass and coupon (TALON) on which number of leave pass is shown. The Frontier pass coupon is collected and retained in BREST.
- (c) Travel warrants for outward and return journey and seating reservation on trains.

Leave Trains

130. From approx Summer 1954 special leave trains have been in operation between BREST and ERFURT, BREST and MAGDEBURG, and BREST and WUNSIDORF.

These trains leave daily in both directions. The time tables of MAGDEBURG and WUNSIDORF trains are not known but the ERFURT-BREST train runs as follows:-

- (a) ERFURT. Departure 20.30 hrs each day. Arrival in BREST 04.30 hrs on the second day after departure from ERFURT.
- (b) BREST. Departure 11.55 hrs each day. Arrival in ERFURT 13.00 hrs on the second day after departure from BREST.

Officers Club (DOM OFITSEVOV) in WEISSENFELS

131. The functions of Officers' Clubs are to provide facilities for political, military and cultural education and sports for officers.

The Officers' Club is subordinated to the garrison commander and to the Political Dept of an Army HQ.

Political lectures are usually carried out according to the programme supplied by the Political Dept of Army HQ, while military lectures are arranged according to the wishes of commanders or chiefs of staff of units stationed in the garrison.

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The cultural work consists of cinema and theatrical performances, dances and a library.

132. The organisation is as follows:-

(a) Head	Lt.Col - Major
(b) Deputy for administration	Major-Capt
(c) Senior instructor for problems of Marxism - Leninism.	Major-Capt
(d) Instructor for cultural work	Capt-Sen.Lt.
(e) Instructor for Military and Sport matters	Capt-Sen.Lt.
(f) Finance Section:	
(i) Head	Sen. Lt.-Lt
(ii) Senior book-keeper	Civilian employee.
(g) Librarian	Civilian employee
(h) Storeman	Civilian employee
(i) Draughtsman	} may be Soldiers or Civilian employees
(j) Projectionist	
(k) Assistant Projectionist	
(l) Carpenter	
(m) Accordion player	
(n) Two drivers	Ptes
(o) Two night watchmen	Germans
(p) Boilerman	German
(q) Billiard room marker	German
(r) Five cleaners	German

133. In WEISSENFELS Officers' Club all vacancies shown above were filled with the exception of the accordion player.

ADMINISTRATIONPromotions of NCOs

134. After initial promotion on completion of an NCOs course, further promotion depended on appointment occupied and efficiency. Thus Junior Sgt occupying an appointment which permitted rank up to Sen Sgt, would normally be promoted Sgt at the end of his second year of conscript service and Sen Sgt sometime during the third year of service. All promotions of NCOs were signed by the Divisional Commander.

Private's Progress to Sgt

135. The promotion of Private to Sgt was subject to a number of conditions. All promotions were signed by the Divisional Commander.

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Officers Pay

137. Officers pay consists of:-

- (a) Pay of rank
- (b) Pay of appointment
- (c) Pay for long service
- (d) Batman allowance
- (e) Foreign Service allowance.

Pay of Rank

138. Pay of rank is the basic pay for all officers and the following rates are known to subject:-

<u>Junior Lt</u>	400 Roubles per month			
<u>Lt</u>	500	"	"	"
<u>Senior Lt</u>	600	"	"	"
<u>Capt</u>	700	"	"	"
<u>Major</u>	800	"	"	"
<u>Lt. Col</u>	1000 or 1100	"	"	"
<u>Col</u>	1200 or 1300	"	"	"

Pay of Appointment

139. Every appointment on the establishment in the Soviet Army carries its "pay of appointment". The following rates are

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(a) Platoon commander	700 Roubles per month			
(b) " " of independent platoon	800	"	"	"
(c) " " in schools	800	"	"	"
(d) Company political deputy	800	"	"	"
(e) Company commander	900	"	"	"
(f) Battalion military deputy	1000 or 1100	"	"	"
(g) Battalion commander probably	1300	"	"	"
(h) Commandant in Headquarters 2 Grade	1500	"	"	"
(i) Senior Officer in " " " " " "	1100	"	"	"
(j) Duty Officer probably " " " " " "	1200	"	"	"

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- (c) New Machine Gun
- (d) New pistol for other ranks and officers up to including platoon commander. This pistol, probably called "EGSTIHOVA", is a large automatic pistol carried in a wooden holster.
- (e) New pistol for all officers from company commander up. This is a small automatic pistol carried in a leather holster.
- (f) New ammunition for (a) (b) and (c) above. The new rounds are standard and can be used by either of the three new small arms.

New Tank

146. [redacted] a new tank in GSPG [redacted] is similar to T34/85 but is much lower and has flattish turret.

New Respirator

147. [redacted] Troops wearing a respirator without connecting tube (cannister screwed into the face piece).

New Ambulances

148. 174 Gds Rifle Regt had its old ambulance exchanged for a new one (a GAZ 51) and received an additional one also (GAZ 51).

New Officers' Uniform

149. In Autumn 1954 an order of the Soviet Ministry of Defence introduced new uniform for Soviet Army officers. It is khaki in colour and is worn with white shirt and collar and a khaki tie. Collar patches have arms insignia on background in arms colours. Shoulder boards remained unchanged.

150. For details of cut see Appendix A.

INTERNAL SECURITYAction Taken after MARTYNOV's Defection

151. [redacted] as a result of investigations carried out by Soviet and German authorities, it had been found that MARTYNOV and Helga WITT travelled by taxi from NORDHAUSEN to SANGERHAUSEN where they inquired for railway tickets [redacted] but that they did not buy the tickets and instead took a taxi to MAGDEBURG where all trail was lost.

152. About a week after MARTYNOV's defection a special commission headed by the commander of 8 Gds Army arrived at NORDHAUSEN and carried out a most thorough inspection of 113 Ind Guard Bn which resulted in the replacement of Lt.Col VORONIN the battalion commander

Arrangements to Deal with German Riots

153. After the June 1953 riots in Eastern Germany the following arrangements were made to prevent and to deal with riots in Eastern Germany.

- (a) Garrisons will on no account be left without strong rear parties. Where more than one regiment is stationed, regiments will rotate to Summer Camps always leaving at least one regiment behind.
- (b) In towns where only infantry is stationed, armour will be added either by transferring an armoured unit to the town or by adding some tanks to the infantry.

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- (c) Kommandaturas will be issued with armoured cars.
- (d) Where permanent transfer of armoured units is not practicable, arrangements will be made to dispatch armour to those places in case of riots as quickly as possible.

154. [redacted] the above general arrangements were implemented to some degree. The establishment of Kommandaturas has been increased by at least two armoured or scout cars but not all Kommandaturas have actually received them.

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155. Further, in Autumn 1953 a tank battalion of 21 Gds Mech Div was detailed to proceed in case of riots to NORDHAUSEN. [redacted] Bn Commander and all battalion officers arrived from HALLE to NORDHAUSEN to acquaint themselves with the Town. They visited all public offices, works and SED offices and [redacted] a plan was prepared to defend these installations.

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156. [redacted] the Soviet authorities were much shaken by the riots in 1953 and were most anxious to prevent any possible repetition.

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KOMMANDATURASDuties

157. [redacted] the duties of Kommandaturas are as follows:-

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- (a) To protect the Soviet Forces in Germany from hostile civilian elements
- (b) To deal with the German authorities on behalf of the Soviet Army
- (c) To keep order amongst the civilian population
- (d) To keep order amongst Soviet troops

Subordination

158. All Kommandaturas are subordinated to the Kommandatura Department in GHQ of GSFG. The full title of this department is OTDEL KOMMANDANTSKOI SLUZHBY and was headed in March 55 by Col. KRIMSKII.

Kommandaturas were also subordinated to Army Headquarters but [redacted] this subordination was for administration and discipline only.

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Organization

159. Kommandaturas are graded into first, second and third grade Kommandaturas. A first grade Kommandatura was as a rule a regional Kommandatura and supervised the work of district Kommandaturas who were either second or third grade, depending on the importance of the area.

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160. [redacted] Kommandaturas followed in German civil administrative organisation and that regional Kommandaturas were parallel to Regienugsbezirk while second and third grade Kommandaturas were, [redacted] in Kreis. Where, however, there was an urban district (Stadt Kreis) and rural district (Land Kreis) there was only one Kommandatura covering both districts. This would be a second grade Kommandatura. Such was the case in NORDHAUSEN.

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161. The regional (first grade) Kommandatura, in addition to supervising other district Kommandaturas within its region was also responsible for the district (Kreis) in which it resided. [redacted] there were no separate district Kommandaturas in districts where regional Kommandatura had their headquarters.

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162. The infantry sub units shown under each grade of Kommandatura, is organised as in infantry battalion and is organic to establishment of each Kommandatura.

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SECRETOrganisation of First Grade Kommandatura

163. A first grade Kommandatura consists of:-

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| (a) Commandant   | Col - Lt.Col          |
| (b) Senior Officer (Administration)                                      | Lt.Col - Major        |
| (c) Senior Officer of Military Police                                    | Lt.Col - Major        |
| (d) Five Military Police officers  | Capt - Sen.Lt.        |
| (e) Medical Officer (FELDSHER)   | Capt - Sen.Lt.        |
| (f) MT officer   | Capt                  |
| (g) QM   | Capt                  |
| (h) Head of Classified Documents Registry, assisted by one female typist | Sen.Lt. - Lt. and Pte |
| (i) Interpreter  | Civilian employee     |
| (j) Company of Infantry  |                       |
| (k) Transport:   |                       |
| (i) 4 x lorries  |                       |
| (ii) 3 x cars  |                       |
| (iii) 3 x M/C  |                       |
| (iv) 2 x Scout or Armoured Cars  |                       |
| (v) Drivers - one per vehicle.   |                       |

Organisation of Second Grade Kommandatura

164. A Second grade Kommandatura consists of:-

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| (a) Commandant  | Col - Lt.Col         |
| (b) Senior Officer  | Major - Capt         |
| (c) Three duty (Prova) officers                                 | Capt - Sen.Lt.       |
| (d) Head of Classified Documents Registry assisted by one Clerk | Lt. Sen.Lt. and Pte. |
| (e) Interpreter   | Civilian employee    |
| (f) Platoon of Infantry consisting of:-                         |                      |
| (i) Platoon Commander   | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |
| (ii) Two Sergeants  | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |
| (iii) One Clerk   | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |
| (iv) Two Machine Gunners  | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |
| (v) Two Scouts  | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |
| (vi) Two Drivers  | Sen.Lt. - Lt.        |



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- (g) Transport: One Lorry  
One Car  
One or two Scout or Armoured cars are on establishment but have not yet been supplied.

Organisation of Third Grade Kommandatura

165. The Third grade Kommandatura consisted of:-

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Commandant                  | Col - Maj         |
| (b) Senior Officer              | Maj - Capt        |
| (c) Three duty (Provo) Officers | Capt - Sen Lt.    |
| (d) Interpreter                 | Civilian Employee |
| (e) Section of Infantry         |                   |
| (i) Section Commander           | Sgt - Jun Sgt.    |
| (ii) Eight riflemen             | Ptes              |
| (iii) Two Drivers               | Ptes              |

Official Title of Kommandaturas

166. The official title of Kommandaturas consists of a number, the words "Military Kommandatura" and, in case of regional Kommandaturas only, name of region.

Thus Kommandatura for ERFURT region is known as:-

150 Military Kommandatura for Region of ERFURT (150 VOENNA KOMMANDATURE OKRUGA ERFURTA) but:

202 Military Kommandatura (202 VOENNA KOMMANDATURA)

These titles are used in official correspondence with German authorities and never FPN. FPNs are used in private mail of Kommandatura personnel, in personnel documents of Kommandatura personnel and in correspondence with Soviet authorities.

FPNs of Kommandaturas

167. [redacted] all Kommandaturas in Germany have their FPNs in 114xx block, i.e. Kommandatura in NORDHAUSEN had FPN 11477

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Powers of Kommandaturas with Regard to Germans

168. [redacted]

[redacted] Kommandatura officers and patrols had the right to check the documents of the civilian population and to detain any civilian regarded as a suspect. Any civilian person detained by a Kommandatura patrol was as a rule handed over to the German police.

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Normally Kommandaturas did not interfere with German authorities, but [redacted] the German police and particularly criminal police reported regularly to the Commandant as he visited the Police HQ almost daily. Any usual occurrence would be reported to the Commandant to the regional Kommandatura and to HQ 8 Gds Army.

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Soviet Army requests were passed by the Kommandatura to the appropriate German authorities who never refused to comply.

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SECRETPowers of Kommandatura with Regard to Foreign Missions

169. Each Kommandatura had a specimen set of documents issued to Foreign Missions for checking purposes. On encountering a Foreign Mission's car an officer in charge of the patrol had orders to stop it and check the documents of all occupants as well as the car documents and request information as to the direction of the journey. NORDHAUSEN Kommandatura has orders to forbid all Foreign Missions cars to proceed in the direction of the Zonal boundary.

170. In the Autumn 1952 GHQ CSFG issued an order that all Foreign Missions were to be detained until an order for their release was received from GHQ. They were to be treated very politely and a special room was to be prepared for them. This room was to have a table, a few chairs, a set of chessmen but to be otherwise devoid of furniture.

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171. The German police was instructed by the Kommandatura to escort Foreign Mission cars to the Kommandatura but was forbidden to check the documents.

On establishing the direction in which a Foreign Mission's car proceeded it was the duty of the Kommandatura to warn other Kommandaturas on the car's route. The German police did similarly on its own net.

Powers of Kommandaturas with regard to Soviet personnel.

172. As far as Soviet personnel were concerned, Kommandatura had the full powers of the military police, checked personal documents of all ranks, documentation of vehicles, and detained any member of the Soviet Army found contravening regulations until collected by his unit.

Changes in Establishment

173. The following are recent changes in Kommandatura establishments:-

- (a) After 1953 June riots Armoured or Scout cars were added for the protection of patrols in case of a repetition of riots. This equipment has not yet been delivered to all Kommandaturas.
- (b) In July or August 1954 the appointment of Political deputy was abolished.
- (c) At the end of 1954 an order was issued that all officers held as inspectors on the strength of Kommandaturas would be replaced not later than end of April 1955 by Soviet civilian employees.

Appearance of Kommandatura Personnel

In all Kommandaturas all ranks are required to wear shoulderboards of the German Army, the which is significant for other ranks and gold and silver for

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- (a) Senior adviser (STARSHLY SOVIETNIK) Col or Lt. Col.
- (b) Adviser (SOVIETNIK) Lt. Col. - Major
- (c) Adviser (SOVIETNIK) Lt. Col. - Major
- (d) Political adviser (SOVIETNIK PO POLIT-CHASTI) Lt. Col. or Major

177. A battalion of the German Frontier Police (green collar patches) is stationed in NORDHAUSEN and the following Soviet officers were attached to it:-

- (a) Senior adviser Lt. Col. CHUMAK
- (b) Adviser Lt. Col. BOYARSHINOV
- (c) Political adviser Lt. Col. GOROKHOV

Information on Russian Intelligence Service

178. Until May 1952 there was an MVD office in NORDHAUSEN. In May 1952 it was moved to WEIMAR. [REDACTED]

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179. The counter-intelligence officer held on the strength of 113 Ind Guard Bn was responsible for the security both of 113 Ind Guard Bn and of the Kommandatura in NORDHAUSEN. This officer was subordinate to the counter intelligence section of 57 Gds Rifle Div in NAUMBURG.

180. A Soviet Lt. Col. who travelled in civilian clothes often came to NORDHAUSEN where he interviewed various civilians in the Ratskeller. On each visit he had his travel documents stamped in the Kommandatura. These documents always showed that he came from ERFURT. [REDACTED] this Lt. Col. to be a member of the Russian Intelligence Service.

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181. Various Russians in civilian clothing often came from POTSDAM and visited the Zonal boundary, often accompanied by German civilians, who were documented in the Kommandatura.

[REDACTED] only the Commandant or Senior officer dealt with them, [REDACTED] these Russians were members of the Russian Intelligence Service and that their business was to meet Soviet agents crossing illegally into East Germany.

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182. On the establishment of the Kommandaturas was a Russian woman shown as typist, but she did no work whatsoever for the Kommandatura. She lived alone in a house and was often visited by Russians mentioned in para. 181. [REDACTED] about Summer 1954 this house was derequisitioned and the woman disappeared from NORDHAUSEN.

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Possible Location of Atomic Industry in USSR

183. [REDACTED] atomic industry in USSR might be located at DUDINKA on river YENISEY in SIBERIA and in not far distant NORILSK. A soviet newareel has shown these two towns to have grown recently to a very large size "SARATOV - [REDACTED] looks like a small village in comparison with these two".

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GSFG Locations

185. GSFG Locations [REDACTED] are at Appendix 'C'.

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Soviet Personalities

186. A list of Soviet personalities [REDACTED] is at Appendix 'D'

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APPENDIX "A"

NEW SOVIET ARMY

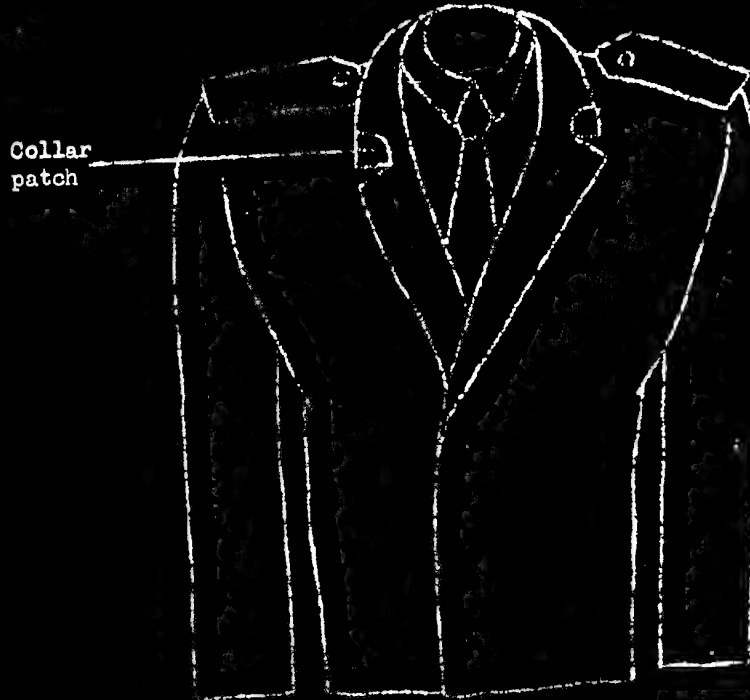
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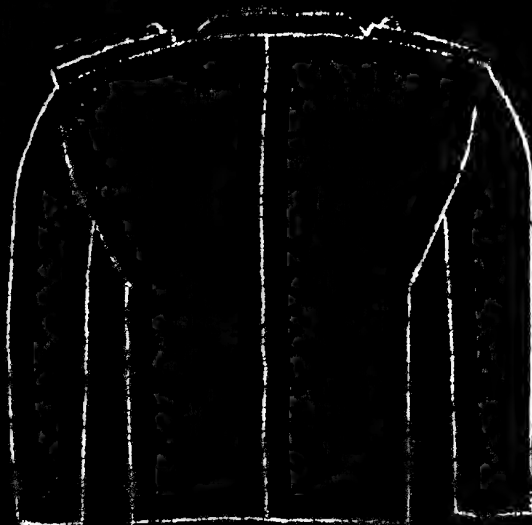


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LOCATIONS

1. ASCHERSLEBEN (PC 63)
  - (a) Soviet Kommandatura
  - (b) KVP School.
2. BAD KOESEN (PB 86)

Summer training camp for engineers.
3. BENNECKENSTEIN (PC 12)

Frontier Post (ZAST.Va.) manned by a Coy of 113 Ind Guard Bn.
4. CHEMNITZ (US 53)

Soviet Kommandatura for CHEMNITZ Region.
5. DERMBACH (NB 71)

HQ 109 Ind Guard Bn
6. EISENACH (PB 04)
  - (a) Soviet Kommandatura
  - (b) Training area of 57 Gds Rifle Div in vicinity of EISENACH
7. ETSLEREN (PC 71)

Soviet Kommandatura
8. ERFURT (PB 44)
  - (a) Hospital of 8 Gds Army
  - (b) No. 150 Soviet Kommandatura for ERFURT Region.
  - (c) Medical Depot of 8 Gds Army.
9. GERA (NB 04)

Soviet Kommandatura, 8th Gds Army

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10. COEHA (PB 24)
  - (a) 172 Gds Rifle Regt of 57 Gds Rifle Div.
  - (b) u/1 Signals Bn.
  - (c) Possibly MC Bn of 57 Gds Rifle Div.  
(See also NAUMBURG).
  
11. HALLE (QC 00)
  - (a) HQ 21 Gds Mech Div.
  - (b) Hospital 21 Gds Mech Div.
  - (c) Soviet Kommandatura (for HALLE Region).
  - (d) Garrison Officers Club (DCM OFITSEVO).
  
12. JENA (PB 84)

HQ 20 Gds Mech Div.
  
13. LANGENSALZA (PB16)
  - (a) u/1 Arty Regt of XXIX Gds Rifle Corps.
  - (b) Soviet Kommandatura.
  
14. LEIPZIG (US 18)

Soviet Kommandatura
  
15. LOSSA (PB 68)

Training area of 21 Gds Mech Div.
  
16. MACKENRODE (PC 01)

Frontier Post (ZuSTL.V.) manned by a Coy of 113 Ind Guard Bn.
  
17. MARKERSDORF (US 44)

MT Depot 8 Gds Army.

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18. MERSEBURG (QB 09)

- (a) Signal Bn to which VNOS Posts along the zonal boundary in 8 Gds Army area are subordinated.
- (b) u/i units of 24 Air Army.

19. MUEHLHAUSEN (PB 07)

- (a) HQ 110 Ind Guard Bn.
- (b) Soviet Kommandatura.

20. NAUMBURG (PB 97)

- (a) HQ XXIX Gds Rifle Corps.
- (b) HQ 57 Gds Rifle Div.
- (c) 170 Gds Rifle Regt.
- (d) u/i Arty Regt.
- (e) Bakery of 57 Gds Rifle Div.
- (f) Ration Store of 57 Gds Rifle Div.
- (g) Clothing Store of 57 Gds Rifle Div.
- (h) Arty Store of 57 Gds Rifle Div.
- (i) Possibly MC Bn of 57 Gds Rifle Div. (See also GOTH).
- (j) Soviet Kommandatura.
- (k) KECH for NAUMBURG area.

21. NOHRA (PB 64)

HQ 8 Gds Army located approx 1 1/2 km SOUTH from NOHRA.

22. NORDHAUSEN (PB 20)

- (a) HQ 113 Ind Guard Bn - Address:- Lenin Allee No. 23.
- (b) No. 202 Soviet Kommandatura - Address:- Lenin Allee No. 9.
- (c) German Frontier Police Unit.
- (d) IVE Transport School.
- (e) Officers Quarters of Kommandatura Officers:
  - (i) Lenin Allee No. 23.
  - (ii) Lenin Allee No. 9.
- (f) IVE Transport School.

23. CHERNOBYL (PB 25)

- (a) Soviet Kommandatura.
- (b) Garrison Officers Club (DOM OFITSEROV).
- (c) Possibly HQ 39 Gds Rifle Div (See also FLAUBEN).
- (d) u/i units of 39 Gds Rifle Div.
- (e) Training area of 39 Gds Rifle Div in vicinity of OHRERUF.

24. FLAUBEN (TR 09)

- (a) Possibly HQ 39 Gds Rifle Div (See also OHRERUF).
- (b) u/i units of 39 Gds Rifle Div.

25. SANKERHAUSEN (PC 05)

Soviet Kommandatura.

26. SONDERSHAUSEN (PB 39)

Soviet Kommandatura

27. WEIMAR (PB 64)

- (a) U/1 AA Division of 8 Gds Army
- (b) Signal Bn of 8 Gds Army
- (c) MT Bn of 8 Gds Army
- (d) Hospital of 8 Gds Army
- (e) "Gosbank" of 8 Gds Army
- (f) Post Office of 8 Gds Army
- (g) Garrison Officers Club (DOM OFITSEROV)
- (h) Soviet Kommandatura

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- (a) 174 Gds Rifle Regt
- (b) 17 Gds Tk SU Regt
- (c) Chemical Coy of 57 Gds Rifle Div
- (d) MT School of 57 Gds Rifle Div
- (e) Arty - TK Repair Wksp
- (f) Soviet Kommandatura
- (g) Garrison Officers Club (DOM OFITSEROV)

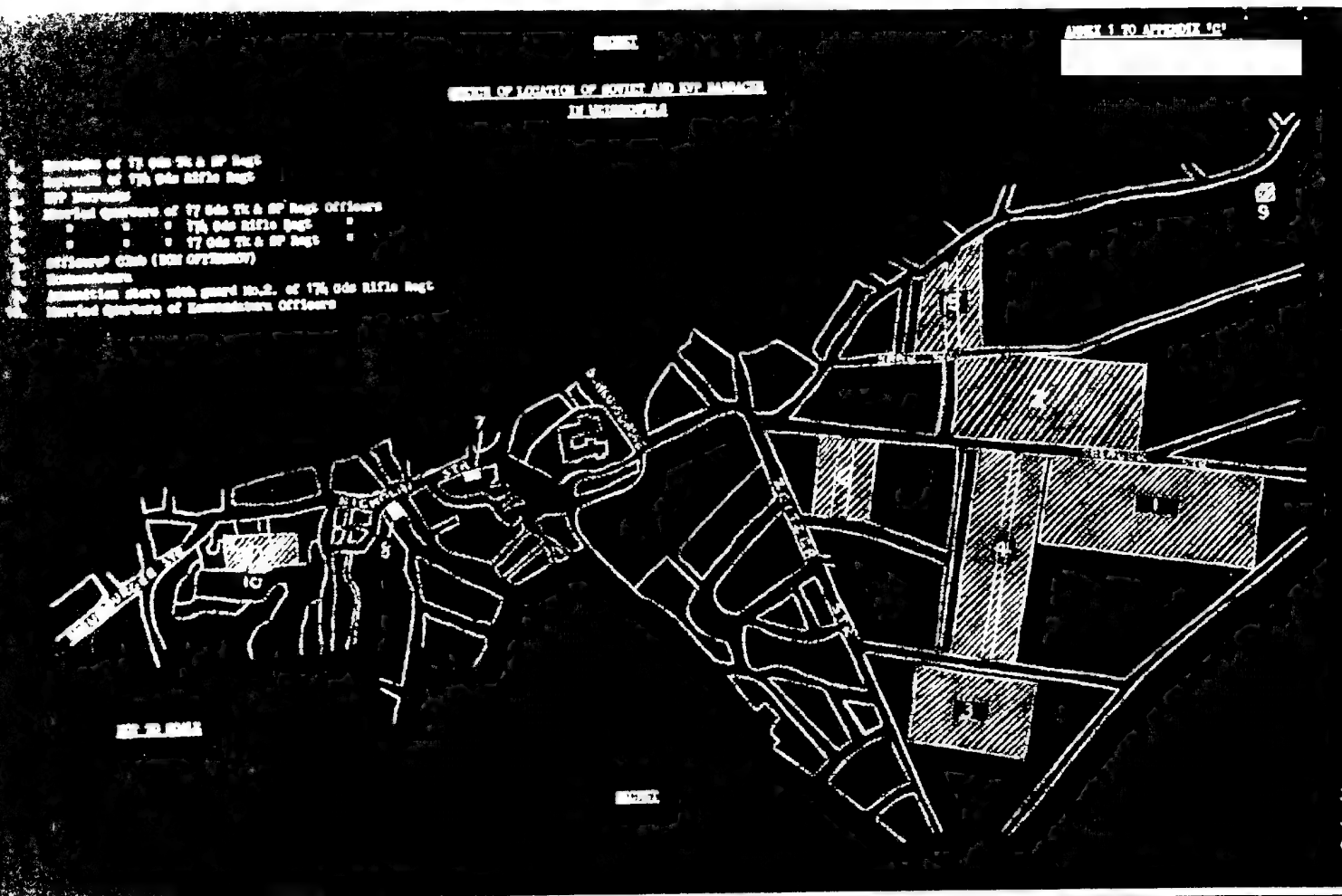
For sketch of location in WEISSENFELS See Annex 1 to this Appendix.

29. WERNIGERODE (PC 24)

Frontier Post (ZASTAVA) manned by a Coy of 113 Ind Guard Bn.

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PERSONALITIES

1. Sen Lt. AKIMOV Nikolai PT officer 174 Gds Rifle Regt at WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
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2. Lt. Col ALEKSEENKO fnu OC 1 Bn, 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
[REDACTED]
3. Lt. Col BOYARSHINOV Soviet Adviser in KVP frontier unit in  
Ivan Kuzmich NORDHAUSEN (PC 20) [REDACTED]
4. Lt. BUENOVSKIY Interpreter (german) in Komandatura in  
Anatoli Grigorevich NORDHAUSEN (PC 20) -  
[REDACTED]
5. Col BURIK fnu OC Regimental Arty, 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
[REDACTED]
6. Capt BURLAKOV Instructor for cultural affairs in  
Grigoriy officers club (DOM OFITSEROV) in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
[REDACTED]
7. Col Gen? CHEGUROV ? fnu Commanding General of 8 Gds Army since Summer 1954. Successor to CHISTYAKOV.  
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8. Col Gen CHISTYAKOV fnu      Commanding general of 8 Gds Army until Summer 1954.
  
9. Marshal CHULKOV fnu      Commander in Chief of KIEV Military District since 1953 when he took over from GRECHKO.
  
10. Lt. Col. CHUMAK fnu      Senior Soviet Adviser in KVF frontier unit in NORD-HAUSEN (p.c.20).
  
11. Capt DOROSHENKO fnu      Head Records Section 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07)
  
12. Maj Gen or Lt. Gen DRONOV fnu      Until 1954 Chief of Staff HQ, 8 Gds Army. Predecessor of Lt. Gen SHANTIN.
  
13. Capt ELAGIN fnu      Counter-Intelligence officer (OPER-UFOINOMOCHENIY), 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (Q.B 07).
  
14. Col. GOROKHOV fnu      Head of Records and Personnel Department (OTDEL KADROV), HQ of 8 Gds Army in NOHRA (PB64).
  
15. Lt. Col GOROKHOV fnu      Deputy Senior Soviet Adviser for political matters in KVF frontier unit in NORDHAUSEN (PC 2").
  
16. Col. Gen (?) GORYACHEV fnu      Subject thinks that GORYACHEV commanded 8 Gds Army before CHISTYAKOV.
  
17. Marshal GRECHKO fnu      Commander in Chief of GSFG since 1953.
  
18. Lt. GRIGORYEV Ivan Ivanovich      Clothing supply officer in 113 Ind Guard Bn in NORDHAUSEN (PC 20).

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19. Col IVANOV fnu Deputy for Supplies and Technical Matters HQ 57 Gds Rifle Division.
20. Lt. Gen (?) IVANOV fnu [REDACTED] 25X1
21. Capt KAZANTSEV fnu Deputy Head of Records Section, HQ, 57 Gds Rifle Division in NAUMBURG (PB 97)
22. Col KHARITONOV fnu Head of CI Department (OSOBIY CFDEL), HQ 8 Gds Army. Arrived to NORDHAUSEN (PC 20) at the end of January 1955 in connection with investigations into MARTINOVs defection.
23. Major KICHA fnu Head of Clothing Supplies, HQ 57 Gds Rifle Division in NAUMBURG (PB 97)
24. Major KISEL' fnu OC MC Coy 1 Bn 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07). [REDACTED] 25X1
25. Lt. KOLESNIKOV  
Stefan Ivanovich Treasurer (deloproiz-voditel-kaznachei) Komendatura at NORD - HAUSEN (PC 20). [REDACTED] 25X1
26. Lt. Col. KOVALENKO fnu Commanding 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07). [REDACTED] 25X1
27. Col KRIMSKIT fnu Head of Kommandatura Department in GHQ of GSFG in TUNSDORF. [REDACTED] 25X1
28. Lt. KROTOV  
Mikhail Pl Commander in Sgts School of 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07). [REDACTED] 25X1

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29. Lt. Col. KUDELKC fnu 2/c, 113 Ind. Guard Bn, in NORDHAUSEN (PC 20)  
[REDACTED] 25X1
30. Major KUPTSOV fnu Instructor for Political Affairs in Officers Club (Dom Ofitserov) in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
[REDACTED] 25X1
31. Capt KURAROV fnu Duty officer in Komendatura in NORDHAUSEN (PC 20)  
Petr Alekseevich  
[REDACTED] 25X1
32. Lt. KUZNETSOV fnu Ration Supply Officer in 113 Ind Guard Bn in NORDHAUSEN (PC 20).  
Viktor  
[REDACTED] 25X1
33. Maj Gen LIKHOV fnu In 1950 commanded 10 Ind Rifle Bde of 22 Rifle Corps in SARATOV.
34. Lt. Col LIVENTSOV fnu Political Deputy to Commander 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSEN-FELS (QB 07).  
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35. Capt MAMATYUK fnu PT Officer, HQ 57 Gds Rifle Division at NAUMBURG (PB 97).  
[REDACTED] 25X1
36. Maj Gen MARSHENKO fnu Commanding 57 Gds Rifle Div until approx Autumn 1954 when he returned to USSR.
37. Capt MARTIN fnu Duty Officer in WEISSENFELS (QB 07) Komendatura.  
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38. Sen. Lt. MIRTYNOV  
Nikifor Prokhorovich

Duty Officer in Kommandatura.  
NORDHAUSEN (PC 20).

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39. Maj. Gen. MAVRICHEV fnu

Commandant of Officers Refresher  
Courses (KUOZ) of PRIVOLGSKII Military  
District in ULLANOVSK in 1950.

40. Major MIKHAILOV fnu

Political propaganda Officer in 174  
Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).

41. Sen. Lt. MIROSHNIK  
Ivan Tikhonovich

OC Ind Pl, Komendatura NORDHAUSEN  
(PC 20).

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42. Lt. Col. MITYAI fnu

C of S, 174 Gds Rifle Regt in  
WEISSENFELS (QB 07).

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43. Sen. Lt. MOISEEV fnu

OC Mortar Pl, 1 Bn, 174 Gds Rifle Regt  
in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).

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44. Col. NASTAGUNIN  
Ivan Vasilevich

Military Commandant in Komendatura in  
NORDHAUSEN (PC 20).

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45. Lt. Col. POVAROV fnu

Head of Officers Club (Dom Ofitserov)  
in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).

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46. Major B.VLOV fmu Head Clothing Supply, 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
[REDACTED] 25X1
47. Sen. Lt. PETROSYAN OC AA Pl, 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
Stepan [REDACTED] 25X1
48. Lt. Col. FUTVATIN fmu Commanding 174 Gds Rifle Regt of 57 Gds Rifle Div until Autumn 1954.  
[REDACTED] 25X1
49. Major RODIONOV fmu 2i/c 1 Bn in 174 Gds Rifle Regt in WEISSENFELS (QB 07). [REDACTED] 25X1
50. Col. SHADRIN fmu Commanding 172 Gds Rifle Regt in GOTH (PB 24).  
[REDACTED] 25X1
51. Lt. Gen. SHANIN fmu Chief of Staff. HQ of 8 Gds Army at NOHRA. Took over from Maj Gen or Lt Gen DRONOV in 1954.
52. Capt. SHKUT' Senior Officer in Komendatura in NORDHAUSEN (PC 20).  
Leonid Vasilevich [REDACTED] 25X1
53. Lt. SHULZHENKO Paymaster in WEISSENFELS (QB 07).  
Ivan Alekseevich Komendatura.  
[REDACTED] 25X1

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